

NEWS RELEASE

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COUNTY Friday, September 21, 2001

MENDON PONDS PARK CELEBRATES AUTUMN

The Monroe County Parks Department will host the annual "Awesome Autumn Celebration" at the Mendon Ponds Park Nature Center on Sunday, September 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Celebration is a free educational and entertaining event for families.

The festivities will include interactive displays from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department Mounted Patrol and K-9 Units, Eastern Mountain Sports, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Chase-Pitkin and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

In addition, Mike Kornich, Chip Mulligan and Allen Hopkins will provide musical entertainment. Horse-drawn wagon rides by Heberle Stables, Send in the Clowns Troup, the Seneca Park ZooMobile, Laidlaw Transit's "Talking School Bus," storytelling by the Storytelling League of Greater Rochester and a martial arts demonstration by the Kuk Sool Won School of Martial Arts also will add to the festivities.

Awesome Autumn is open to the public and admission is free. Wegmans Food Markets will provide refreshments for a small charge.

The Nature Center is located inside Mendon Ponds Park on Pond Road, accessible from the third most southern entrance off of Clover Street in Pittsford.

For more information, or a schedule of events, call 256-4950.

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